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Big Five Army Chiefs TO DISCUSS NEW PEACE ARMY

LONDON, DEC. 30.
DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS EXPECT THE U.S. CHIEF OF STAFF, GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER, TO FLY TO LONDON NEXT MONTH FOR A POSSIBLE MEETING OF THE FIVE POWER MILITARY LEADERS TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRESERVATION FORCE UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION. IT WAS GENERALLY ASSUMED IN AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE HELD "AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT" AFTER THE WORLD PEACE AGENCY'S SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN CONSTITUTED BY THE UNIT ED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PROMETHEUS HITS MINE: BADLY HOLED

The U.S.S. Prometheus, which left Hong Kong on her way to the United States about December 14, has been seriously damaged by a mine.

Exact information is still not available, but she ran into a mine some fifty miles off the mouth of the Yangtse on December 27, and the explosion ripped a big hole in the fore-part of the vessel.

Radio messages picked up from the Prometheus shortly after 2 p.m. on December 27 indicated that the damage was serious, but a further message later in the afternoon announced that she was endeavouring to proceed to Shanghai under her own power, at half speed.

It was learned last evening from the American Naval authorities in Hong Kong that no casualties occurred as a result of the explosion, and that a British destroyer and two tugs were standing by, at least news. In two later reports, first, she was reported to be taking in water, and second, to be in a sinking condition.

She left Hong Kong flying the homeward-bound pennant, but her orders were later changed, and she was instructed to proceed to Shanghai.

She is a repair ship of the same type as U.S.S. Vestal, by Hong Kong at the moment. Her skipper is Commander H. Baden, U.S.N.R.

HIGHWAY ROBBERIES

While walking in Wongnai chung Road near the French Convent at about 8.30 p.m. last evening, Mr. Wong Chak-ming, was held up by two Chinese, one armed with a revolver, and robbed of a purse containing \$10 and some loose change.

The robbers were riding in a black saloon car, No. 197, in which they made their escape by driving towards the Jockey Club.

The car was later found by the Police in Ice House Street near Lower Albert Road, on the side of the road. The vehicle was slightly damaged.

No arrest has yet been made.

Another report was made to the Police by Mrs. Li, Wan-nu, of No. 19, Mosque Street. She was on her way home in a sedan chair at about 11.30 p.m. on Friday, when two men, one armed with a revolver, stopped her and on hearing a pedestrian coming towards them, they snatched her handbag and fled towards the Botanic Gardens.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Mainly fair with cloudy patches at first and haze. East to south-east winds, average temperature. Outlook slowly becoming cloudy.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum—69 degrees at 1.30 p.m. Minimum—65 degrees at 6.00 a.m.

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BANANAS GET CIVIC WELCOME

Bristol, Dec. 30.
The first boatload of bananas to reach Britain in five years was expected to-day, and a reception was arranged with all the pomp accorded a celebrity. Lord Mayor James Owen of Bristol was scheduled to welcome the 90,000 stems of green fruit from Jamaica. When ripened, the bananas will sell for about 22 cents a pound for children under 18 years of age.—Associated Press.

R.A.F. MAN'S ADVENTURE WITH BULLET

LONDON, DEC. 30.
A ROYAL AIR FORCE MAN WHO FOR SEVERAL MONTHS HAD A BULLET EMBEDDED IN HIS HEAD BEHIND THE LEFT EYE WITH THE TIP ALMOST TOUCHING HIS BRAIN, IS TO-DAY WALKING ABOUT, FOLLOWING AN OPERATION AT THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

While on agricultural leave last July, the man was ploughing in a field on a Sussex farm.

Canadian forces were engaged in battle practice in the next field and Spitfires were overhead using live ammunition.

Suddenly he was hurled from his tractor seat and found blood trickling from his ear.

An X-Ray photo revealed that lying behind his left ear was a bullet which must have entered his left ear-hole and travelled through several important structures to reach the spot where it was located.

Careful X-Ray photographs were taken again and a considered plan of operation was formulated.—Reuter.

COAL MINE DISASTER

Pineville, Kentucky, Dec. 30.
Rescue workers last night found four more bodies entombed in the coal mine, raising to six the number of known dead in the disaster which occurred here by an underground explosion last Wednesday. Associated Press.

EIGHT MINERS RESCUED

Pineville, Kentucky, Dec. 30.
Eight miners who had been trapped since Wednesday by an underground explosion were today carried out alive and the ninth died before his removal from the tunnel.

It is estimated that altogether 22 men were working in the mine when the explosion occurred.—Associated Press.

Americans In Dutch In Korea

MASS WORK STOPPAGES AND SPORADIC STREET BRAWLS, AND THE THROWING OF ROCKS AT AMERICAN TROOPS MARKED THE REACTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE CRAVING KOREANS AS THE DECISIONS OF THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE BECAME KNOWN HERE TODAY.

The outbreak appeared to be the result of a combination of resentment over the Moscow announcement of a Commission's possible trusteeship of Korea and resurgence of internal struggle between the rightists and leftists. An eight o'clock curfew has been imposed on the Americans to-night in an effort to prevent possible incidents but more serious trouble appeared possible.

Late to-day Lieut-General John R. Hodge, commander of the American forces in the southern half of Korea, emphasized repeatedly in an interview with native newsmen that the Moscow pronouncement did not mean immediate trusteeship for Korea—the term "trustee" being a hated word here.

The General's explanation unfortunately came too late as fear of the five-year trusteeship is already widespread. General Hodge did not receive the text until to-day.

GENERAL SIT-DOWN

Now Korean were walking off their jobs in droves. Hundreds silently left the Military Government Palace. The police left their

MOSLEY STICKS HIS NECK OUT

LONDON, DEC. 30.
THE RE-EMERGENCE OF SIR OSWALD MOSLEY'S BRITISH UNION OF FASCISTS IS CAUSING CONSTERNATION IN BRITAIN. THE WAR'S DISCREDITING OF FASCISM AS A MODE OF GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SUBDUED THE FERVENCY OF BRITISH FASCISTS, WHO ARE BRINGING OUT THE SAME OLD ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC CLICHES. RECENT QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS HAVE SHOWN THAT A LARGE SECTION OF THE BRITISH PUBLIC IS IN FAVOUR OF INTRODUCING LEGISLATION PROHIBITING FASCIST PARTIES AND CONVICTING THEIR MEMBERS, BUT THE ASTORS' NEWSPAPER OBSERVER TO-DAY DECLARES SUCH A MOVE DANGEROUS TO DEMOCRACY — AS "SUPPRESSION OF THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS A GREATER MENACE THAN FASCISM."

Negotiations Postponed For Cocktails!

CHUNGKING, DEC. 30.
THE FORMAL NEGOTIATION MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST DELEGATES SCHEDULED FOR LAST NIGHT WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE IT CONFLICTED WITH A COCKTAIL PARTY GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER WANG SHIH-CHIEH IN HONOR OF GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL, THE SPECIAL AMERICAN ENVOY.

The date of the next meeting has not been set.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Government leaders discussed the Communist proposal for a truce over the hectic weekend.

It is believed in Chungking's informed circles that the Government's acceptance will be conditioned upon measures ensuring restoration of communications and disarmament and repatriation of Japanese troops. Government sources have charged the Communists with cutting railroads and telegraphic lines in North China in an attempt to hamper movement of Government forces.

"The way to condemn Fascism is to expose it," the newspaper continued. "The surgeon does not ignore the first signs of cancer because of the smallness of the symptoms.

"Fascism is the cancer of civilization, which must be burnt out wherever it shows its head."—Associated Press.

FAMILIES TO COME OUT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.
Lieut.-Gen. Albert Wedemeyer expressed the hope to-day that wives and families of American servicemen could join them in China by next spring.—Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE

NEW YORK, DEC. 30.
THE "TIMES" IN AN ARTICLE TO-DAY SAYS THAT MILITARY LEADERS OF THE BIG FIVE MAY MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LONDON NEXT MONTH TO "DISCUSS PLANS PROVIDING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE."

"Plans for such a meeting are being discussed through diplomatic channels on the initiative of the British Government but whether any of the powers—United States, Soviet Union, China and France—has accepted is not known.

"An early meeting of this group is considered important since all nations now are considering the permanent character of their post-war military establishment and the major consideration in such determination will be the size of the military naval and air force that each of the Big Five will be asked to contribute to the U.N.O. establishment."—Associated Press.

Another American General Killed

Vienna, Dec. 30.
Major-General Donald W. Brann, deputy-commander of the United States forces in Austria, was killed yesterday in Tyrol when he fell off a cliff while hunting. It was announced by General Mark W. Clark, Funeral services will be held in Vienna.

A mass meeting, apparently sponsored by rightist groups, adopted resolutions opposing the trusteeship and calling for immediate recognition of the Provisional Government, a strike of Allied Military Government employees, suppression of newsmen, disengagement of all political parties.

General Hodges insisted with his interviewers that in his opinion there was nothing in the Moscow pronouncements with "any real patriot or nationalist need fear."

SMASH TRAGEDY

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.
Officials across the state line in Delaware reported five persons, including a five-year-old girl, were killed to-day in the blazing wreckage of a Philadelphia Transportation company trolley and a huge fuel oil trailer truck.

—Associated Press.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS TURN RICKSHA COOLIES

PEIPING, DEC. 30.
DR. T. V. SOONG, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE YUAN, AND THIRTY HIGH OFFICIALS IN THIS AREA TO-DAY DISCUSSED METHODS OF EXTRICATING NORTH CHINA FROM THE RUNAWAY INFLATION THAT HAS TURNED COLLEGE PROFESSORS INTO RICKSHA COOLIES AND DRIVEN MULTITUDES OF UNEMPLOYED TO DESPAIR.

Soong said the Government's most important 1946 task would be to "stabilize currency and prices and also to restore for-

sign, trade with a view to balancing the Government's income and expenditure." He added: "With this objective in view, active measures will be taken for improvement of national economy, finances, communications and the livelihood of the people."

Disposition of enemy and puppet property, he said, is an important matter still to be worked out. Another was the licensing of foreign business.

The rising cost of living undoubtedly has been the outstanding hardship of North China's millions. Although prices fell immediately after Japan's surrender, they began to climb again in October and now almost every daily necessity except rice costs more than at any time during the occupation.

MARKET MANIPULATIONS

Manipulation of the money market by money changers and speculators, some from Chungking, has further debased the buying power of the local money. When the exchange between the China National currency and the local puppet money was stabilized at five to one speculators turned to the American dollar and its value now rises and falls as much as 30 per cent within a fortnight. Salaried classes, as usual, are the hardest hit by the inflation.

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MacArthur Doesn't Think Much Of It

TOKYO, DEC. 30.
GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID IN A SPECIAL STATEMENT TO-NIGHT THAT HE DISAGREED TWO MONTHS AGO WITH PLANS FOR A NEW JAPAN CONTROL ORGANISATION AND SINCE THAT TIME "MY VIEWS HAVE NOT BEEN SOUGHT."

The General denied a statement issued in Washington by Thomas Blake, press officer for the Far Eastern commission, that MacArthur saw the new Japan control plan before it was approved by the foreign ministers in Moscow and did not object to it.

MacArthur's statement continued: "Any impression which the statement (Blake's) might imply that I was consulted during the Moscow conference is also incorrect."

"I have not one iota of responsibility for the decisions which were made there."

However, he added that whatever the merits or demerits of the plan, "it is my firm intent within the authority entrusted to me, to try to make it work."

He said the issues involved are too vital for the future of the world to have them "bog down."

"With good-will on the part of those concerned, it is my fervent hope that there will be no insuperable obstacles," he said. "As I said before, it is my full purpose to see it through."

FINAL DISAGREEMENT

MacArthur said that, on October 31, his "final disagreement" was radioed to the Chief of Staff in Washington for the Secretary of State, advising that the terms of the plan "in my opinion are not acceptable."

Although nowhere in MacArthur's statement was there any reference to the specific provisions of the new formula, it is believed the supreme commander's disagreement arose primarily from the power given to other Allied nations sharing in the occupation of Japan. Under the Moscow plan, MacArthur is the American member of the Allied council, with Russia, China and Great Britain represented and actions are to be carried out under and through the supreme commander, who is the sole executive authority.

Any member may veto any decision affecting fundamental changes in Japan's constitutional structure or government as a whole."

BLAKE'S STORY

Washington, Dec. 30.
General MacArthur saw and did not object to the Japan con-

HOME OF U.N.O.

London, Dec. 30.
The Roosevelt ancestral home at Hyde Park, New York, or a site near Boston, appeared to-day to have the best chance of being selected as the permanent home of the United Nations Organisation. —Associated Press.

SWIFT COUP IN BATAVIA: NEW POLICE

BATAVIA, DEC. 30.
BRITISH TROOPS YESTERDAY IN A SERIES OF SWIFT AND SYNCHRONISED RAIDS ROUND UP AND DISARMED ALL INDONESIAN POLICE IN BATAVIA AND INFORMED THE AUTHORITIES THAT THE STEP WAS TAKEN BECAUSE THE POLICE HAD ACTIVELY COOPERATED WITH "LAWLESS ELEMENTS."

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G.I.s Brides Arranged For

London, Dec. 30.
Plans for free transportation of wives of American soldiers to the last safety pin" and the first group already has been warned to be ready to travel on very short notice, the United Kingdom Base Headquarters to-day announced.

The announcement followed closely President Truman's signing of legislation to speed up the entry of brides into the States and said that approximately 1,200 are expected to call by the end of January.

The Army said that 26,886 wives and children had been checked up to December 20th.—Associated Press.

PIRACY ARRESTS

Three men are being held by the police in connection with a piracy that took place at Tai Mui, in British waters, on December 27.

The junk, which was taken in tow with two of her original crew on board, has been found at Cheung Chau Island.

Eleven men are reported to have been involved in the piracy. One was armed

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Amour-Propre

The official suggestion that a waistline measuring exactly forty-two inches must classify a man as portly is a vicious insult very hard to bear; and for the correspondent who actually suffered this indignity in an Army clothing store sympathy will be widespread. Every one knows to his chagrin how stupid in choice of epithet are officials whose invidious task it is to describe fellow-victims to their faces. A complexion which might without offence be called "fresh" is only "too likely to appear on a passport" as "florid," and hair allowably "grey" comes out devastatingly "white." There is no limit to the power of the official pen to wound tender secret susceptibilities, and as a rule we can only nurse our grievance in silence as must a woman who, having been told often that her eyes are of a wonderful lapis lazuli, reads that for official purposes they are merely blue. But it will be generally agreed that the official pen should not be allowed without protest to strike at the waistline. It is like the chink mark between teams engaged in a relentless tug-of-war. Youth is bearing the increasing strain as best it may, striving to keep hope alive, and it is horribly discouraging to be made aware before the fatal mark has been fairly crossed that to impartial eyes the game is already up. A man assailed unexpectedly by the word "portly" might well turn in despair to the pleasures of the beer bottle, and, meager as those pleasures now happen to be, shortly bear himself with out a blush called fat. But wise men will not let these insults move them to extremes of indignation. It cannot be gainsaid that age sometimes fights with euphemisms against the humiliating experiences which are its natural lot, and the euphemism is sadly apt to break in the hand. Mr. Pycraft was the fattest clubman in London. Yet he would persist in complaining of his "weight," and when his weight was miraculously taken from him he donned upwards, it will be remembered, and remained a hollowing mass of nothingness for so long that he was reduced to mulling a Turkey carpet to the ceiling. Sir Walter Elliot, who considered the blessing of beauty as inferior only to the blessing of baronetcy, both of which gifts were happily united in himself, was a poor creature after all, and his horror of Admiral Baldwin's complexion, which the weather had beaten to the colour of mahogany, only made him ridiculous. Yet if we can bring ourselves to care little about our own faces and figures, it would be inconsiderate to assume that other people have attained to the same high indifference; and a State with bureaucratic tendencies will do well to exert a high standard of delicacy from officials who are privileged to tell us what we look like. We do not expect them to buoy us up with fantastically false hopes. But if they feel they must reject "thick-set" in favour of something hinting at portliness, there is always "stately," which would make the blow easier to bear.

CHINESE OFFICIAL VISITS C-IN-C

Mr. T. W. Kwok, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kwantung and Kwangtung, paid an official call on His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Rear-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, on Saturday. The Commissioner arrived some ten days ago to set up an office in the Colony, with a view to establishing closer contact with local Chinese as well as to render such assistance as may be needed by Chinese passing through Hong Kong on their way to or returning from places abroad.

The office of the Commissioner is in the Hong Kong Bank Building.

China Peace Or War Still In Doubt

Communists Allege Heavy Fighting

CHUNGKING, DEC. 30.—COMMUNIST DISPATCHES TO-DAY ALLEGED THAT THE NATIONALISTS BEGAN A LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS IN EASTERN JEHOL AND WESTERN LIAONING AND PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO PREPARATIONS FOR A DRIVE AGAINST KALGAN, CAPITAL OF CHAHAR PROVINCE AND CHENTEH, CAPITAL OF JEHOL PROVINCE.

The dispatches added that the Nationalists are continuing their attacks against Communist positions in northern Manchuria, both east and west of the Peiping-Hankow railroad. It was asserted that Nationalist reinforcements were swarming into the railroad town of Anyang, in northern Manchuria, to support their drives. The Communists said the Nationalists in their drives in western Liaoning are employing forces transported to the Manchurian seaport of Hulatuok by the U.S. 7th Fleet. The Communists said their forces on Christmas Day captured Shapou and Kaoya, both on the Grand Canal north-east of Nanking, killing a "great number of Japanese and puppet troops and seizing a large quantity of war material."

The Communists said they took the towns to prevent the Japanese and puppets attacking them but the Nationalists said the Communists might be planning to interrupt communications in the Yangtze between Nanking and Shanghai. Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30.—A Communist spokesman charged to-day that 225,000 Government troops are engaged in a drive aimed at conquest of Communist dominated Chahar province. He said they were sweeping along the Peiping-Jehol railroad, with Chengdu as their principal objective.

The spokesman said the Government troops are thrusting two main prongs in their drive—one along the Peiping-Jehol railroad and the second westward from points on the Peiping-Mukden railroad in the Manchurian province of Liaoning.

He described the force in the first move as 75,000 and in the second 150,000. He said the Communists are putting up practically no resistance, but are prepared for a stiff fight if forced to do so.

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Loss To Colony

Major H.P.G.A. Wilcox, Deputy Assistant Director of Public Relations, Hong Kong, left yesterday for Singapore en route for Batavia where he will take charge of Army Public Relations in the Netherlands East Indies.

He has been in charge of Army Public Relations in the Colony for the past two months.

Major Wilcox, peacetime au-

thor under another name, served as an ack-ack gunner in the Battle of Britain and was Observer to the Guards in the Western Front campaign. He was on duty in Poldam for the Three-Power Conference.

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CHINA FACES THE NEW YEAR WITH AN UNCERTAINTY WHETHER IT WILL BRING PEACE AND UNITY OR AN OUTBREAK OF AN ALL-OUT CIVIL WAR.

Although confirmed pessimists take the view that nothing will come out of the forthcoming inter-party and non-partisan conference which will try to settle once and for all the outstanding issues between Government and Communists, an atmosphere of hope prevails in Chungking. The presence of General George C. Marshall, who to-day began his second week here, has boosted the confidence of the optimists who believe that both sides will now go farther in concessions than they have ever done before.

People of all shades of opinion who have talked with Gen. Marshall have left with the impression that he is much more familiar with the background of to-day's problems than he admits.

Reports are current that Gen. Marshall will, possibly some time next week, visit Peiping and Tientsin, for a close-up view of the situation in North China. He knows both places well, having been commander of United States troops at Tientsin from 1924 to 1927. During those years he met many Chinese notables ranging from Henry Pu-yi, who later became the Puyi Emperor of the now defunct Manchukuo, to the "Young Marshal," Chang Hsueh-liang, who was to lose the lordship of Manchuria.

GEN. MARSHALL'S STATUS

Marshall's home in Chungking is certainly one of the busiest spots in the city.

Although he has offices at the United States Embassy, he receives many of his callers at home and does much of his work there.

There is much speculation here whether a successor to the former Ambassador, Patrick J. Hurley, will be appointed during Marshall's stay in China. Since Hurley's departure, the post of United States Ambassador to China has been vacant.

Reports that Marshall will succeed Hurley are incorrect because the former Chief of Staff came to China as President Truman's special envoy with the rank of Ambassador—not as Ambassador to China. This explanation is necessary because of the recurrent references to Marshall in newspapers published in China and abroad as Ambassador to China.—Associated Press.

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RIZAL DAY FESTIVITIES

The Filipino Community celebrated "Rizal Day" yesterday with a luncheon and tea dance at the Plaza Ballroom.

There were about seventy persons present, including a fair number of ladies, and the function was presided over by Mr. V. Espina.

The following members of the committee were present:—Messrs. V. Espina, S. Paller, L. Mercado, L. Erranola, N. San Pedro, F. Gonzales, B. de Reina, A. Hidalgo and A. Vale Cruz.

In his speech Mr. Espina said:

"From time immemorial we have struggled for our freedom. Centuries ago, Magellan was killed in combat as our protest against foreign domination. From time onward, our martyrs have been sacrificed on the altar of democracy. The greatest of them all was Rizal, whose anniversary we celebrate to-day. He died but he will continue to live forever in the hearts of his countrymen."

"Rizal was the flower of the Philippines race. As that flower faded away, the seeds were buried in our soil, to bloom and thrive in glory once again. As Rizal died, so a nation was born. Under the guidance of America, that nation became the jewel of the Pacific with her happy sons and daughters working in harmony to attain the ideal for which Rizal and other Filipinos have died."

"Just as we were about to free the Philippines, the world became the test of our loyalty to America. The world knows what we have accomplished in Bataan and Leyte. The world knows that our faith in American democracy was not conquered and never will be conquered even with the test of time. And in that faith, my countrymen, we will rebuild the nation, although shattered, so that one day a new nation will emerge triumphant out of the dust of desolation to proclaim her freedom to the world."

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Japs Hid Their Arms

TOKYO, DEC. 30.
KYODO NEWS AGENCY DISCLOSED TO-DAY THAT THE POLICE ARE HOLDING NINE FORMER JAPANESE ARMY OFFICERS, INCLUDING TWO COLONELS, CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO SURRENDER ARMS AND OTHER WAR MATERIAL WHICH THEY HAD DISTRIBUTED AND HIDDEN IN CIVILIAN HOUSES.

The lot included 27 airplane cannons and 12,000 rounds of ammunition as well as radio sets and similar equipment, food and money.

The suspects are all staff officers of a division who were arrested by Allied request yesterday. Associated Press.

Led To Two Decisive Battles

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30.
PEARL HARBOUR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE RE-CORDS DISCLOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME THE CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET THAT IT WAS AMERICAN DECODING OF JAPANESE MILITARY MESSAGES WHICH ALLOWED THE COMPARATIVELY SMALL REMAINING UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET TO BE CONCENTRATED TO SMASH POWERFUL JAPANESE TASK FORCES WITH AIR ATTACKS IN THE 1942 BATTLES OF THE CORAL SEA AND MIDWAY—TWO OF THE PACIFIC WAR'S DECISIVE ENGAGEMENTS.

THE DECODING ALSO ALLOWED AMERICAN SUB-MARINES TO LIE IN WAIT ALONG THE KNOWN COURSE OF JAPANESE CONVOYS, CONTRIBUTING TO THE TREMENDOUS TOLL THE SUBS TOOK OF JAPANESE SHIPPING.

The disclosure came in the introduction of a "top secret"

Helicopter Takes The Place Of Buses

KANSAS CITY, DEC. 30.
SMALL TOWN CITIZENS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE NEVER BEEN SERVED BY MAJOR BUS OR AIR LINES, SOON WILL TAKE TO THE AIR IN HELICOPTERS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO LARGER CITIES TO MAKE TRAVEL CONNECTIONS.

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Wiping Out Jap Interests

Washington, Dec. 30.
Allen property custodian James E. Markham to-day moved to seize all property in United States territories owned by Japanese nationals.

The properties concerned were frozen by the Treasury Department at the beginning of the war.

Markham issued an order requiring reports on such properties and said they will be confiscated as soon as reports on them have been received.

He described the action as part of the U.S. Government's programme to wipe out Japanese interests in this country.

Reports on Japanese property in Hawaii and the Philippines will be made through the branch offices in those areas. Associated Press.

WOMEN'S PARTY

TOKYO, Dec. 30.
The first Japanese Women's Political Party was to-day formally inaugurated under a group who announced plans for participating in the forthcoming elections.

Known as "New Japan's Women's Party," the organisation will run several candidates including one of the organisers, Miss Katsumi Miyata, head of a Tokyo Medical Institute. The platform has not been announced. Associated Press.

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Naval Test Of Atom Bomb

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30.
THE FORCING ARMY AND NAVY TEST OF THE ATOMIC BOMB AT SEA POSES A MILITARY-DIPLOMATIC QUESTION FOR THE UNITED STATES WHETHER FOREIGN OBSERVERS MAY ATTEND.

Co-possessors of the bomb secret, United States, Britain and Canada apparently made no commitment at Moscow's Big-Three Foreign Ministers' Conference to share the secret with any other power at this time.

Whatever the decision on other observers it is assumed that Britain and Canada will be invited to the tests. Britain particularly will share this country's keen interest in the outcome.

Britain, like the United States, is a great naval power confronted with the problem of deciding now what changes the atom bomb will dictate on the Navy. Russia was never a top-ranking naval power and will not have the same high stakes.

Whether Russian observers will see the tests the Soviet Government is already in a position to know the destruction wrought by the bombs on land structures and people.

Russian military missions were in Japan after the atom bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Associated Press.

letter which Gen. George C. Marshall wrote to Governor Thomas Dewey of New York prior to the 1944 election campaign. General Marshall appealed to the Republican presidential nominee not to drag the Pearl Harbour disaster into the campaign in any way which might bring any suggestion to light on the fact the Japanese code had been broken.

The dramatic story of the decoding and the benefits accruing from it is told in the following portion of the text of Marshall's letter:

"The most vital evidence in the Pearl Harbour matter consists of our intercepts of the Japanese diplomatic communications. Over a period of years our cryptograph people analysed the character of the machine the Japanese are using for encoding their diplomatic messages."

OSHIMA MESSAGES

"Based on this, a corresponding machine was built by us which deciphers their messages. Therefore, we possessed a wealth of information regarding their moves in the Pacific, but which unfortunately made no reference whatever to intentions toward Hawaii until the last message before Dec. 7, which did not reach our hands until the following day.

"Now the point to the present dilemma is that we have gone ahead with this business of deciphering their codes until we possess other codes, German as well as Japanese, but our main basis of information regarding Hitler's intentions in Europe is obtained from Baron Oshima's messages from Berlin. There are still in the Pearl Harbour events.

"To explain further the critical nature of this set-up, which would be wiped out almost in an instant if the least suspicion were aroused, the Battle of the Coral Sea was based on deciphered messages and therefore our few ships were in the right place at the right time. MIDWAY COUP

"Further, we were able to concentrate our limited forces to meet their advances on Midway when otherwise we would almost certainly have been some 3,000 miles out of place. We had full information of the strength of their forces in that advance and also of the smaller force directed against the Aleutians."

"Operations in the Pacific are largely guided by the information we obtain of Japanese deployments. We know their strength in various garrisons, the rations and other stores continuing available to them, and, what is more important, we check their fleet movements and the movements of their convoys."

"The heavy losses reported from time to time which they sustain by reason of our submarine action, largely results from the fact that we know the sailing dates and the routes of their convoys and can highlight our submarine to lie in wait at the proper point in LISBON CAFE

"The raids by Admiral Halsey's carrier forces on Japanese shipping in Manila Bay and elsewhere were largely based on sailing on the known movements of Japanese convoys, 60% of which were caught as mentioned."

"As a further example of the delicacy of the situation, the Dutch Dynovite people (the D.S.S.) without telling us, indicated a secret service of the Japanese embassy offices in continental China."

"As a result the entire military attack Japanese made all over the world was crippled, and though this occurred over a year ago, we have not yet been able to break the new code and have thus lost this invaluable source of information, particularly regarding the European situation." Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.
President Truman included himself and a small staff of "selected" aides aboard a yacht to which he broadcast on Thursday. Secretary of State Byrnes planned to join him to-night to report on the foreign ministers' conference in Moscow. Associated Press.

Dead As A Doornail

Prague, Dec. 30.
Karl Hermann Frank, the butcher of Lidice, who is awaiting trial as Czechoslovak No. 1 war criminal said to-day he was convinced that Nazism was "dead forever."

He said the programme of the Sudeten German Party from 1933 had been "treason to the cause of Czechoslovakia" and a step in the Nazi programme to re-Germanise Bohemia. Associated Press.

Stripping Hirohito Of All Power

TOKYO, DEC. 30.
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS STRIPPING THE EMPEROR OF ALL POLITICAL POWER AND LIMITING HIS ACTIVITIES TO "CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS OF STATE" WERE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT TODAY BY A PRIVATE GROUP OF JAPANESE CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS.

The move followed by a few hours a statement by General MacArthur's press relations officer that the Emperor system "is being destroyed—wiped out of existence," and that it was up to the Japanese to found a democratic government.

The recommendations formulated by educators and publicists would transfer the Imperial prerogatives to the Diet and specify that final responsibility for state administration rests with the Cabinet. Diet approval would be necessary for the Emperor's accession to the throne or appointment of a regency Emperor.

The Diet could be dissolved only by decision of a placette. Priests would be recommended by the speaker of the House and the President of the House of Peers. Associated Press.

Britain Has Enough Raw Materials

LONDON, DEC. 30.
DESPITE CERTAIN WORLD SHORTAGES THERE WAS NO REASON FOR ANXIETY CONCERNING THE SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS FOR BRITAIN'S MANUFACTURERS.

"WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF CREDIT FROM AMERICA, ASSUMING THIS IS APPROVED," SAID THE BOARD OF TRADE JOURNAL, "CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS SHOULD DECLINE IN IMPORTANCE ALTHOUGH THERE WILL CLEARLY BE TIME FOR CONTINUFD ECONOMY IN THE IMPORT OF MATERIALS, ESPECIALLY WHERE THESE ARE OF LITTLE AID TO OUR EXPORT INDUSTRIES."

U.N.O. SITE

London, Dec. 30.
A spokesman for the United Nations Interim Committee to-day said that a group would choose the site for the U.N.O. in the general areas of either Boston or New York City as its permanent home.

He said that a sub-committee was to go to the United States on Jan. 5 to inspect possible sites and would visit at least 18 places. Associated Press.

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Press.

JEWEL COUP NIPPED IN BUD

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.—THE ARMY SAID TO-DAY
THAT TWO UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
PULLED FROM AN AIRLINER
BEFORE ITS TAKE-OFF TO
WASHINGTON WERE RELIEVED
OF AT LEAST \$25,000
WORTH OF PEARLS WHICH
THEY ASSERTED THEY HOPED
TO SMUGGLE INTO THE
UNITED STATES FOR A
"QUICK KILL."

The case was turned over to the
American Consul as a civilian
matter.

The men are reported to be
attached to a Senate small business
committee and arrived in Shang-
hai in mid-December.—Associated
Press.

FINDING NEW MARKETS

Washington, Dec. 30.—
Congressional help in finding
foreign markets for American
short staple cotton will be asked by
Representative Wickeshaun,

Democrat of Oklahoma, when the
House reconvenes in January.

"Ninety-eight per cent of all
Oklahoma and Texas cotton was
exported before the war and we
have lost that foreign market,"

Wickeshaun told a reporter in pro-
posing a House Committee to in-
vestigate the possibility of finding
markets abroad.

"We should go into all phases
affecting export business, contact-
ing allied controls in occupied
countries and foreign diplomats
to see if we can find a market for
our short staple cotton," Associated
Press.

CHECK-UP

Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 30.—
United States Attorney-General
Tom Clark to-day said that De-
partment of Justice investigators
are being sent to the Philippines
and Japan to check activities of
collaborationists during the war.—
Associated Press.

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Caution Keynote Of Bomb Talks

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30.—PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS TO-DAY REPORTED TO BE SUPPORTING EVEN A MORE CAUTIOUS STEP BY STEP DISCLOSURE OF ATOMIC ENERGY SECRETS THAN THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE MOSCOW BIG-THREE COMMUNIQUE INDICATED.

THIS INTERPRETATION OF PLANS TO FORM AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC CONTROL COMMISSION CAME FROM PERSONS WHO TALKED WITH TRUMAN AFTER HIS RETURN FROM HIS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY IN MISSOURI. THEY DECLARED IT WAS TRUMAN'S VIEW THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ALWAYS BE SURE THERE WOULD BE NO MISUSE OF THE SMALL SECRET BEFORE DIVULGING THE MORE IMPORTANT ONE.

They said that conversations in the President's office and the State Department indicated that it will be the American policy to test out proposed inspection methods before telling any nation except Britain and Canada all that is known of the atomic bomb.

Senator Vandenberg, Chairman of the Republican Senatorial Conference, in a statement declared that he had been advised by the State Department that "full security requirements" will be met in the proposed International Commission's dealings with atomic energy.

Vandenberg, who is a member of the special Senate Committee on Atomic Development, is known to favour retention of the secret until it has been demonstrated that international controls will prevent its future military use workable. The Moscow Big Three communiqué laid down a four-point agenda for the proposed commission which would be set up by the United Nations Organisation and would be accountable to the World Security Council;

FULL SECURITY

(1) Exchange of basic scientific information between nations.
(2) Control of atomic energy to insure its use for peaceful purposes.
(3) Elimination of atomic and

Chinese Army Movements

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—Lieut.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, American Commander in China, told a press conference Saturday that planes are under consideration to move additional Chinese armies to Manchuria.

He said that more American troops will be needed to accompany them, supervising debarkation, handle supply problems and give other aid.

He declared that this was in line with America's newly-broadened policy of aid to the National Government and it is one reason why United States personnel in China should be increased to 12,000—or 16,000 men although it would mean bringing in additional 8,000 or 4,000 from America of other military theatres.

He used the phrase "army personnel" and did not mention an estimated 50,000 United States marines now controlling several vital centres in North China. He said he thought additional Chinese forces should be transported to Manchuria to repossess Japanese and secure rail and port facilities to make reparation possible.—Associated Press.

Burma Governor's Decision

Rangoon, Dec. 30.—Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, Governor of Burma, has declined to accept responsibility for arranging passage facilities for the Anti-Fascist League delegation to visit Britain.

Disclosing this to-day, Mr. Sung San, the League's President, said that the Governor had merely agreed to forward the League's letter to the British Government, expressing the desire for early elections and self-government for Burma.

Stressing the need for world publicity for the cause of Burma, Mr. Sung San said that they hoped to send a similar delegation to the United States and other Eastern countries.—Routier.

WHEAT FOR EUROPE

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat exports from America were reported to total 7,171,000 bushels last week which was the largest week of this season despite the sizable accumulation of grain stocks on seaboard awaiting shipment.

Approximately 60 ships already loaded with grain and fuel for Europe were reported to be tied up at East Coast ports because of man-power shortages and inability to put crews aboard.

Wheat exports during the last six months of 1945 totalled 175,000,000 bushels but doubts were expressed in grain circles here that the first six months of 1946 could even approach this figure, although authorisations for the export of 225,000,000 bushels had been granted.—Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Admiral William S. Sims, Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission after his return from the Navy, it was reported here to-day, "Associated Press.

READERS' CHOICE

TOKYO, Dec. 30.—Newspaper readers' preferences will decide future fates of newspaper in Japan according to the Publishers' Allotment Committee to-day. Readers will be polled through the press and radio and future allotments will be based on their answers.—Associated Press.

America Debating Pros And Cons

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30.—TO BRITAIN HAVE BEEN TAKING FROM PENDING RECONVENING OF CONGRESS EARLY IN JANUARY. MEANTIME PREPARATIONS WENT FORWARD FOR PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO SEND A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS SOON, ASKING FOR APPROVAL OF A \$3,750,000,000 LOAN. THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CALL FOR TOTAL CREDITS OF \$4,400,000,000.

Following are the questions being asked by Americans most often about the proposal. The answers are based on official statements by American and British officials—or on information supplied by them:

Q.—Why do the British need a loan?

A.—The British exist by exporting and importing. Their money reserves were seriously depleted during the war and their trade was cut by 70 per cent. They said they needed financial help to restore it to a profitable point.

Q.—How much do they need?

A.—Originally they asked for up to \$60,000,000,000 as a gift. The final agreement is for a loan of \$3,750,000,000 at 5 per cent interest and it must be repaid in 55 years.

LEND-LEASE

Q.—Is that all they are getting? A.—No. They are also receiving on the same terms a credit of about \$650,000,000. This enables Britain to pay in 55 years for recently shipped lend-lease goods and goods delivered after lend-lease ended; and for quantities of American surplus goods they want to buy. It also pays the U.S. for our share of installations in Britain, and balances certain wartime claims the two governments held against each other. This \$650,000,000 credit does not require approval of congress.

Q.—Would this agreement settle Britain's lend-lease account with the United States?

A.—Yes. But the late President Roosevelt and President Truman have stated that the United States would not seek Dollar-for-Dollar repayment for the war goods we supplied them to help smash the Axis. About \$29,000,000,000 worth of lend-lease was supplied Britain while she returned \$4,320,000,000 in reverse lend-lease.

Q.—Why should the U.S. lend Britain \$3,750,000,000?

A.—American officials say Britain has her back to the wall economically, and only with a big loan can she cooperate with the U.S. in organising a greater and more free world trade. They say the loan is necessary to avoid dividing the world into economic blocks which Secretary of State Byrnes said might lead to war.

WAR DEBT

Q.—What are some chief arguments against the loan?

A.—Opponents are saying that Britain still owes a big debt from the first world war so why should we lend her any more? It is contended that Britain will never repay this loan, that America should get more concessions than mere promises to cooperate economically. Critics of British Imperialism are using the loan issue to assail British Colonial Policy, and critics of the Labour Government are arguing that a loan would support socialism over there.

Q.—What happens if Britain does not get the money?

A.—Lord Keynes, Britain's foremost economist, argued that Britain then would not have enough dollars to buy heavily in the United States and would be forced to channel her trade to the British Empire in order to survive.—Associated Press.

STEPS ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE BIG-THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

INFORMED QUARTERS REPORTED THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING:

(1) Departure of the representatives of the United States, Russia and Britain for Bucharest to carry out the agreement pertaining to Rumania.

(2) Transmission of advice to Bulgaria by the Soviet Government on the proposed commission on Rumania.

(3) Dispatch of orders to Russia by American and Russian commanders in Korea to set up their joint commission in conformity with the three-power decisions.

(4) Transmission of official documents on the atomic agreement to the United Nations Organization.

The three-man commission on Rumania consists of the Russian Deputy Foreign Commissar, Andrei J. Vishinsky, the British

and the American Ambassador to Rumania.

Informed quarters said that the only agreement on which action was delayed was the accord for drafting the European peace treaties pending France's adherence to the agreement.—Associated Press.

Selling America To The World

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30.—ASSISTANT-SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM BENTON TO-DAY DISCLOSED PLANS FOR A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FOREIGN INFORMATION SERVICE.

He told reporters that under the plan Government information specialists would staff American Embassies and Consular Offices in at least 60 foreign countries. He said a nine-point platform would combine major activities of the Office of War Information and the Office of Inter-American Affairs.

He said the new office will be known as the International Information on Cultural Affairs which will be charged with giving foreign peoples "a full and fair picture of American life and the aims of the policies of the United States government."

Benton further said that 850 employees will be connected with short-wave broadcasting activities. Four hundred will be in the United States Public Affairs Officers' Service with an American mission abroad and 500 will be assigned to special information work in Germany, Austria and Japan.

Stressing the need for world publicity for the cause of Burma, Mr. Sung San said that they hoped to send a similar delegation to the United States and other Eastern countries.—Routier.

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Ho also declared that "prosperity" had forced his division to release from jail a number of leaders of the C. Farben Industry after they had been interrogated.

Lieut-General Lucian D. Clay, deputy Military Governor of Germany said: "I found about the release of these Farben leaders only the other day. If any pressure was brought for their release it certainly did not come from this office. We still have ten in custody."

Nixon said: "We failed to take adequate steps to break up Farben and as a result those foxes in business are pulling together their staffs and forming a nucleus for operations right under the noses of the control officers whose orders were to destroy it."—Associated Press.

Charges Against U.S. Occupation Officials

BERLIN, DEC. 30.—RUSSEL A. NIXON, DEPUTY-DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION INVESTIGATING CARTELS AND EXTERNAL ASSETS FOR THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT, TO-DAY ASSERTED THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN THE AMERICAN ZONE WERE "PAMPERING" GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS.

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CHINESE TEAM SWAMPS NAVY

A SCINTILLATING DISPLAY BY THE FORWARDS EARNED FOR THE COMBINED CHINESE A CONVINCING VICTORY OVER THE ROYAL NAVY BY FOUR CLEAR GOALS IN THE FOOTBALL MATCH AT THE SOOKUN-POO GROUND YESTERDAY.

The Chinese had a faultless forward line.

The intermediate line was steady. One pleasing note was the display by that old veteran, Young Wing-chiu. He was given excellent support by Kwok Ying-ki and Lo Wan-kuen. Hau Yung-sang was again prominent at back while Choo Siu-hang had little to do between the posts.

The Navy team was different from that which held the Chinese to a draw in the first game. There was a lack of combination and they were soundly beaten as a team. Many fine individual efforts did not go far as there was no coordination.

Box, in goal, though letting four past him, could not be blamed. Of the two backs, Swash was the sturdier. Brine did not have a happy time against the Chinese ring-ring combination. The halves had a harrowing time, but acquitted themselves well. Will and James tried hard in the forward line with little luck.

FALLLESS LINE

Navy kicked off, but soon the Chinese had the Navy's defence on the run with pretty combination. Chinese drew first blood, when Lee Tak-kei broke through on broken score. Immediately after Navy retaliated and had hard luck when James netted only to be ruled off-side. Navy continued to press and the Chinese goal had some anxious moments.

Chinese increased the lead when Wong King-chung netted following a scrumage. Shortly after, the Chinese were awarded a penalty and Fung King-chung made no mistake from the spot. At the interval, they were leading by three clear goals.

After the breather, the Chinese continued to have more of the play. The game, however, was not so fast, the Chinese appearing to relax. Navy tried hard but could not get going. They had a chance to open the score but Wills shot over the bar with only the gentlest of beats.

The teams were:
Chinese:—Choo Siu-hang; Hau Yung-sang, Fook Yu-wah; Kwok Ying-ki, Leung Wing-chiu, Lo Wan-kuen; Fung King-chung, Chow Man-chi, Lee Tak-kei, Lai Shiu-wing and Wong King-chung.
Navy:—P.O. Box (Nabatcher); Sis. Swash (Tamar), P.O. Brine (Kelantan); A.B. Jones (Duke of York), Mrs. Peyton (R.M.T.B.), Sis. Booth (Tamar); P.O. Porteous (Artifex); A.B. Wills (Tamar); James (Adamant); Jackson (Duke of York) and Mrs. Hunter ("A" Coy. R.M.E.).

Reno, Nevada, Dec. 30.—Utah University's Indians defeated California 43 to 31 last night to win the Reno Invitational basketball tournament title.—Associated Press.

RACE MEETING HANDICAPS

Following are the handicaps announced for the Military Race Meeting at Happy Valley to-morrow.

1. 2.00 p.m. "THE IMPHAL CUP" 4 furlongs. Catch weights, distance handicap. Winner—\$100 2nd—\$60 3rd—\$25.

No. PONY HANDICAP (in yards) RIDER

1. Billy	80	L. Cpl. PEDDER
2. Goldy	80	L. Cpl. FORD
3. Emperor	80	Pte. HANNA
4. Diamond King	80	Pte. JAMES
5. Stardust	80	Lt. GWYTHIAN
6. Mayfair	80	Cpl. STEED
7. Mouse	0	

2. 9.40 p.m. "THE BENGHAZI HANDICAP" 4 furlongs. Catch weights, distance handicap. Winner—\$100 2nd—\$60 3rd—\$25.

No. PONY HANDICAP (in yards) RIDER

1. Prince	70	Opl. PAYNE
2. Blue Peter	0	T.S.M. NISBETT
3. Starlight	70	Lt. GROSE
4. Bobbie Shafto	60	Pte. TAYLOR
5. Admin Hopo	60	L. Cpl. EGDE
6. Jackie	80	LAC. TOWELL
7. Bluebird	90	LAC. DOHERTY
8. Tom	0	Cpl. PEREVAL PRICE

3. 9.30 p.m. "THE DERNA DEBBY" 6 furlongs. Catch weights, distance handicap. Winner—\$100 2nd—\$60 3rd—\$25.

No. PONY HANDICAP (in yards) RIDER

1. Tony	70	Pte. HUNTER
2. Boxy	0	Cpl. PAYNE
3. Jack Jones	40	Pte. BODENHAM
4. Sanci	90	Lt. CO. GIBSON
5. Autumn Rose	90	LAC. GAY
6. Rosalind	40	Lt. Comdr. HOWES

4. 4.00 p.m. "THE HONG-KONG DOLLARS" 8 furlongs, for Mongolian ponies. Catch weights, distance handicap. Winner—\$100 2nd—\$60 3rd—\$25.

No. PONY HANDICAP (in yards) RIDER

1. To Jo	60	Pte. FLEMMING
2. Happy	0	Pte. MCMULLIN
3. Gypsy	20	Lt. GROSE
4. Donat	10	Pte. MUIR
5. Willy	50	Pte. BRENTAN
6. Jock	10	L. Cpl. EDGE
7. Dusty	20	LAC. GAY
8. Joans	90	Bugler. LARKIN
9. Mongolian Fox	80	LAC. TOWELL

5. 4.40 p.m. "THE RANGOON PLATES" 4 furlongs. Catch weights, distance handicap.

No. PONY HANDICAP (in yards) RIDER

1. Nigger	80	Pte. VALENTINE
2. Boxy	80	Pte. SALISBURY
3. Belice	0	Lt. GROSE
4. Jupiter	30	Rpt. HUBBARD
5. Doreen	20	Cpl. PEDDER
6. Lady Jane	0	Cpl. PORTER
7. Tony	0	Sgt. THOM

N.B.—Programmes at \$1 each & Member Stand Admission Tickets \$3 (including Tax) can be obtained from Kwoh Hin Wang's Office, 8, Des Voeux Road, Central, or K.W.U.O. Office.

COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

Tipping for the events would be a risky business, says the "China Mail" racing correspondent, who is regarded as the finest among those going to the post:

- 1st Race: Goldy, Emperor, Stardust.
- 2nd Race: Prince, Admin Hopo, Bluebird.
- 3rd Race: Jack Jones, Autumn Rose, Residual.
- 4th Race: To Jo, Jeanie, Mongolian Fox.
- 5th Race: Nigger, Jupiter, Tony.

TONY

Hitler's Last Written Documents Discovered

Riot Aboard American Vessel

Portsmouth, England, Dec. 30. A riot broke out on board the American ship "Anna Dickneon" on Friday night and the aid of a strong detachment of harbour police was required to break up a knife fight between the white and Chinese members of the crew.

An S.O.S. was directed to the Naval authorities and brought the harbour police swarming over the side of the ship in rope ladders under threatening knives and axes brandished by white and Chinese seamen.

The ship of 7,240 tons displacement and registered under the War Shipping Administration had anchored in the Solent on Friday night after a heavy battering by gales.

Fighting broke out after the ship had dropped anchor. Though unarmed police restored order within an hour, shortly afterwards an American detachment of military police arrived from Southampton. The Portsmouth authorities who arrested three merchant seamen, left the Americans in charge of the vessel.

Police officials conferred with the American authorities on board the vessel on Saturday afternoon concerning disciplinary action.—Associated Press.

Hurley's Charges Throw Back At Him

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. THE MONTH-OLD CHARGES OF MAJOR-GENERAL PATRICK HURLEY, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, AGAINST AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, WERE BROUGHT UP AND OFFICIALLY DENIED AGAIN BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON A NETWORK RADIO PROGRAMME ABOUT THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN SERVICE.

I.L.P. CALL FOR CLEAN BREAK

LONDON, Dec. 30. THE WEEKLY JOURNAL "NEW LEADER," ORGAN OF THE SMALL LEFT WING INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY, TODAY CALLS FOR A "CLEAN BREAK" WITH PAST MOVES TOWARDS FREEDOM FOR INDIA, ADDING THAT "THE PRISON DOORS MUST BE OPENED."

"Indian troops must be sent back from Indonesia," the journal says. "The administration must be cleared of imperialists; Proven friends of India should be sent there immediately to prepare with representatives of Congress and other Indian parties for transference of India to independence."

"No minority party in India should be allowed to sabotage this recognition of India's right to freedom. As evidence of Britain's sincerity, withdrawal of the British army of occupation should begin at once."

Withdrawal of the British forces from Indonesia is also demanded.—Reuter.

Five Children Perish

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 30. Five children, alone in a seven-room cottage, perished in fire to-day, raising to 20 the combined death toll exacted in Connecticut by major fires during holiday week.

Two of the victims were children who apparently gave the first fire alarm by telephone before they were caught in the flames. Fire officials reported that the initial alarm came by telephone from a small boy. Then a girl's voice broke in, probably because the boy was having difficulty pronouncing the name of the street. She shouted: "You can't get in! The house is locked!"

Officials said the children, ranging from one to nine years, had been left alone while the parents operated a gasoline station.—Associated Press.

JAPS TO WORK IN HAWAII

Los Angeles, Dec. 30. A French Foreign Office spokesman said to-day that the Big Three will be asked for clarification of certain points of the Moscow communiqué before announcing any adherence to the project of peace treaty procedures for European countries.

The party includes soldiers, sailors and civilians most of whom were captured in Saipan. A second group of 1,400 will leave on Jan. 7 and a third group of 450 will leave on Jan. 10 or 11. —Associated Press.

GENERAL TRUSCOTT'S THIRD AMERICAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED SATURDAY THE SEIZURE OF THE ORIGINAL MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN ADOLF HITLER AND EVA BRAUN AND THE ORIGINAL HITLER POLITICAL TESTAMENT.

The documents are reported to have been seized coincidentally with the arrest by British counter-intelligence officers of an officer who served as adjutant to Martin Bormann.

With the marriage contract and Hitler's testament, Third Army intelligence officers also seized a letter of transmittal intended to accompany two testaments from Bormann to Admiral Doenitz, one of 22 defendants in the Nuremberg trial.

The documents were found in a suitcase hidden by Eva Braun's sister-in-law at the village of Treysen.

Hitler's political testament, which, apparently with the marriage contract, was among the last documents he signed, was witnessed by Goebbels, Bormann, Hahn, Knebs and Wilhelm Bergdorf.

The marriage contract was witnessed by Bormann and Goebbels, and private testaments also found bore the signatures of Bormann, Goebbels and Nicolaus von Gerlow.

With the documents, American agents found three photos, two of which are believed to be of Eva Braun and the other of an unidentified boy about 12 years old. The agents also found a travel pass dated May 16, 1945, issued to

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Bormann's adjutant, Frederick Wilhelm Pausten, by the burgomaster of Seebach, Pausten's surname was traced by American agents to a tip from the British counter-intelligence officers.

The announcement gave no details of the arrest of Pausten by the British, other than that he was captured at his home at Niedersachsen.

BORMAN'S NOTE

In a note transmitting the documents to Doenitz, who attempted to become leader of all Germans when the Hitler regime collapsed, Bormann had scrawled hasty with a pen: "Since all divisions have failed, our struggle seems to be beyond hope. The Führer dictated the attached political testament last night. Adel Hitler."

In what he described as "my private will," Hitler expressed a desire that he and Eva Braun, who chose the opportunity to marry and die with the Führer, both be cremated "immediately, at the place where I have done the greatest part of my work during 12 years of service to my people." He presumably referred to the Reich Chancellery, where it is believed he spent his last hours.

"Myself and my wife choose death to escape the disgrace of being forced to resign or to surrender," Hitler's private will said.—Associated Press.

NOT RESPONSIBLE

Passages referred to the public from Hitler's political statement show that at the end, Hitler tried to shoulder the blame for the war on "England and International Jewry."

Hilmer wrote: "It is not true that I or anybody else in Germany wanted war in 1939. It was designed and provoked entirely by those international statesmen who were either of Jewish origin or who worked in Jewish interests."

"I have made too many offers for the reduction and limitation of armaments which posterity cannot explain away for all eternity. Therefore, the reasons for the outbreak of this war cannot rest on me. Furthermore, I never desired that after the first terrible World War a second war should arise against England or even America."

Hilmer said that the hatred against the German people would eventually disappear and the world would judge him solely responsible.

As late as three days before the outbreak of war between Germany and Poland, he proposed a solution of the problem to the British Ambassador in Berlin—a plebiscite under international control in the Saar.

REAL CULPRIT

Hilmer wrote: "This offer cannot be explained away. It was only because responsible circles in English politics wanted war, partly because of expected business and partly driven on by propaganda from International Jewry. But I left no doubt about the fact that the real culprit in this murderous struggle, Jewry, would also have to pay for it if the peoples of Europe should again be treated as so many bundles of shares by international money conspirators."

"I also left no doubt that it would not be tolerated this time that millions of European children of Aryan peoples should starve to death, that millions of men should die and that hundreds of thousands of women and children should be burned and bombed to death in their cities without the real culprit suffering his due punishment even though by more humane methods."

Hilmer also wrote in his political statement that the first World War was "forced upon the Reich" and said that in that war, "I employed my modest power as a volunteer in 1914."

HONOURABLE MEN

The marriage contract with Eva Braun, with whom Hitler said he had enjoyed "many years of true friendship," showed that she was born in Munich on February 6, 1910.

Even while he and Eva contemplated death in preference to the disgrace of resigning or surrendering, Hitler evidently refused to believe that the German cause was lost, although the Russians were hammering at the gates of Berlin.

He drew up another Cabinet in his political statement and named the following as a Cabinet of "honourable men" who would continue the war with all means: Reich President and Minister and Commander-In-Chief of the Navy, Admiral Karl Doenitz; Reich Chancellor Dr. Joseph Goebbels; Nazi Party Chief, Martin Bormann; and Foreign Minister, Arthur Seyss-Inquart.—Reuter.

THOMAS WILL WAIT

Washington, Dec. 30. Chairman Elbert Thomas of the Senate Military Affairs Committee said to-day that his group will wait to see what the House does with President Truman's request for universal military training before taking it up.—Associated Press.

A DIM VIEW

Philadelphia, Dec. 30. That the United Nations Organisation is a "rhetorical illusion" was the opinion expressed by Professor Leslie A. White, of the Department of Anthropology, Michigan University.

He told the American Anthropological Association that the Anglo-American Coalition and the Soviet Union, the only two big powers to-day in the world, are "on speaking terms but that's all about it."

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Dec. 20. Following are the results of football matches played to-day:

LEAGUE NORTH

Barnsley 1; Burnley 3; Bolton 1; Blackpool 1; Bury 3; Newcastle 2; Chesterfield 4; Blackburn 0; Everton 2; Liverpool 2; Huddersfield 1; Bradford 1; Leeds 0; Stoke-on-Trent 1; Manchester United 4; Middlesbrough 1; Preston 1; Grimsby 2; Sheffield Wednesday 1; Manchester City 1; Sunderland 1; Sheffield United 2.

LEAGUE SOUTH

Arsenal 3; Wolves 2; Aston Villa 2; West Ham 2; Birmingham 2; Coventry 0; Charlton 2; Newport 0; Derby 3; Brentford 2; Fulham 3; Nottingham Forest 3; Leicester 4; Tottenham 0; Luton 1; West Bromwich 2; Plymouth 1; Portsmouth 3; Southampton 7; Chelsea 0; Swansea 5; Millwall 0.

LEAGUE III NORTH (EAST)

Bradford City 2; Carlisle 3; Lincoln 1; Darlington 3; York 1; Doncaster 2.

LEAGUE III NORTH (WEST)

Barrow 0; Accrington 4; Oldham 2; Chester 3; Rochdale 3; Crewe 2; Stockport 2; Tranmere 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE A

Geltle 3; Hearts 5; Falkirk 0; Rangers 3; Hibernian 3; Clyde 2; Kilmarnock 3; Hamilton 2; Motherwell 1; Aberdeen 3; Partick 1; Queen's Park 3; St. Mirren 4; Queen of South 1; Third Lanark 2; Morton 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE B

Airdrie 2; East Fife 0; Arbroath 1; Alloa 2; Ayre 2; Dundee 1; Dundee United 0; Cowdenbeath 2; Dunfermline 1; Dumbarston 1; Raith Rovers 4; St. Johnstone 5; Stenhousemuir 0; Albion Rovers 1.

(Results incomplete owing to poor reception).—Reuter.

London, Dec. 30.

The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played yesterday:

Edinburgh Acad. Wanderers 14; Glasgow High School 8; Hawick 28; Glasgow Univ. 3; Heriot's 27; Musselburgh 3; Weston-super-Mare 6; Bournemouth 8.—Reuter.

38 DETAINED

Ramat Gan, Palestine, Dec. 30. British 6th Airborne Division troops and R.A.F. planes to-day isolated this little community while police and military authorities sought the persons responsible for the explosions and shootings nearby Tel Aviv on Thursday night.

Thirty-eight persons were detained for questioning after all the male inhabitants between the

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despite the extreme cold this morning, scores of workmen were hammering away, building a fairy village in the heart of Moscow. The centre of the gay village is a great green tree sixty feet tall.

Around the tree are located a number of little gaily painted houses from which will be sold special holiday foods, drinks and toys. The tree is decorated with balloons and other gadgets.

The Russians do not celebrate

December 25th as Christmas. The big holidays are the night of December 31 and the day of January 1.

Practically every house in Russia already has its tree.

The children are given toys on the night of December 31 or the morning of New Year's Day much in the same way as children in Denmark receive them on Christmas eve.

There are gifts for everyone and the grown people too exchange gifts on this day.

SOVIET'S SANTA CLAUS

The Russians have a Santa Claus too but they call him Grandfather Frost. In many countries of the world Santa Claus is dressed in red but in Red Russia Grandfather Frost is dressed in white; an old gentleman with a white beard fur-lined jacket and he even carries a sack from which he produces gifts for the children.

He will show up at many a Party on New Year's eve and New Year's Day. Almost every Russian in the Soviet Union will take part in some kind of party on New Year's eve.

The parties are about like what they are at any other place in the world except for the gift giving and the fact that vodka is the drink of the occasion.—Associated Press.

Ulithi Returning To Oblivion

ULITHI ATOLL, 850 MILES SOUTHWEST OF GUAM, WHICH WAS BUILT INTO A TREMENDOUS SECRET REPAIR AND SUPPLY BASE BY THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET, IS RETURNING TO THE OBLIVION FROM WHICH THE PACIFIC WAR DREW IT.

The Navy has announced the atoll Command was decommissioned three days ago. Only a weather observation station is left.

Development of the Ulithi base in 1944 and 1945 was the answer to the Japanese question, How was the United States fleet able to operate so effectively over tremendously long supply lines? The development of facilities at Guam and in the Philippines ended the Pacific key role of Ulithi.

But the atoll had its months of unheralded glory before it slipped again into insignificance. It was from Ulithi that the main striking force set out for such important invasions as Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Even its occupation by American forces in 1944 was not announced until many months afterward.

Its sheltered lagoon offered an anchorage that stretched for miles after miles inside of coral barriers. Before the launching of a major naval operation, ships stretched out toward the horizon as far as the eye could see.

There were seemingly endless rows of battleships, carriers, cruisers and other ships lined up in what were probably the greatest naval concentrations the world has ever seen.

But through it all, Ulithi was a base almost unknown to the public. American servicemen related how their letters home, reporting they had been at Ulithi after censorship was lifted, brought replies from their families that they never had heard of the place.

Now it sinks again into oblivion, abandoned once more to the waves and winds of the Pacific.—Associated Press.

Big Round-Up In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 30. Four separate underground organisations sponsored by certain Japanese elements here to cause wide spread disorders throughout Shanghai are being systematically smashed by the Chinese military authorities in widespread raids and arrests.

Existence of the organisations came to light after the arrest of 20 Japanese and Taiwanese and about 12 Chinese on a charge of plotting to alienate relations between China and the Allies.

The four organisations are said to have been under the direction of a Japanese major-general now interned in a local concentration camp. Most of the leading figures were Japanese.

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Air Lines Pact

Washington, Dec. 30. The United States and France have agreed to the operation of airlines between the two countries on four routes.

Under the temporary plan announced by the State Department, United States air lines may fly in the North Atlantic through France via Paris, then beyond to the Middle East and to Macau, via Lisbon and Barcelona.

The two French routes are to

PARATROOPERS MAKE SWOOP NEAR TEL-AVIV

RAMAT GAN, PALESTINE, Dec. 30. THIS LITTLE COMMUNITY TWO MILES NORTHEAST OF TEL AVIV WAS TURNED INTO AN ARMED CAMP YESTERDAY, SATURDAY, AS PALESTINE POLICE AND BRITISH TROOPS SEARCHED EVERY BUILDING AND HOME IN A SIX-HOUR OPERATION CARRIED OUT INQUIRIES OF ROUNDING UP SOME OF THOSE WHO ATTACKED POLICE AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, TWO NIGHTS AGO.